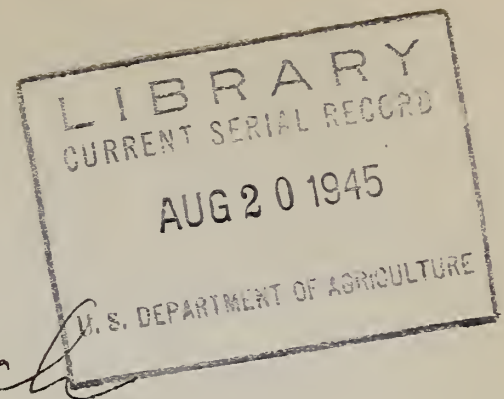


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To: Farm Program Directors
From: Donald G. Lerch
Subject: WEEKLY REPORT ON "FEED SUPPLIES"

Don Lerch
March 23, 1945

The reports on the feed situation to the War Food Administration show that there has been little change in the last week. The shortage of boxcars still contributed to the present short feed supply.

In wheat millfeeds, for the country as a whole, production had increased but is still not enough to enable the millers to catch up with previously placed orders. At Buffalo, however, production of wheat millfeeds continued light. Demand there was urgent but allocations were limited and there were practically no open market offerings. In other Eastern areas there were some improvement in the car shortage situation with the result that there were increased deliveries of feeds.

The report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture on what farmers intend to plant this year is one of the first country-wide indications of what the feed situation may be this year.

The reports shows that there will be about a 2 percent reduction in acreage to be planted. If average yields are obtained on that now intend-to-plant acreage, there will be about 2 million fewer tons of feed grains. The largest reductions will be in corn. The expected acreage will be about 95 million acres -- 3 million acres less than last year. Our second largest feed crop -- oats -- will be increased to 46 million acres this year. Both barley and grain sorghum will be reduced this year...the acreage of barley will be 12 million as compared with 14 million last year and sorghum will have an acreage of over 16 million this year. The flax acreage will be up about a third this year as compared with last but there will be a slight decrease in the soybean acreage.

